

RESOLUTION NO. 75 2009

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF READING AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF A
PROPOSAL FOR FUNDS WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY &
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA**

WHEREAS, The City of Reading ("City") is desirous of obtaining funds from the Department of Community and Economic Development of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania ("DCED") in the amount of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00) for the PA New Communities Program for prevention and elimination of blight under Section 4© of the Housing and Redevelopment Assistance Law, as amended,

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Reading that a blighting influence exists because of urban decay and continued divestment in the Central Business District ("CBD") of the City of Reading, Berks County, Pennsylvania (the "City") in and around Penn Street from Second Street to Eleventh Street and from Penn Street north on 9th Street and 10th Street to Walnut Street within the City. The Façade Improvement Reimbursement Grant Program is designed to 1) eliminate blighting influences, 2) restore the architectural integrity of historic structures within the CBD, 3) improve the commercial and housing stock of the CBD and 4) stabilize the economic activity within the CBD in order to attract new businesses and create new jobs. The Façade Improvement Reimbursement Grant Program will be overseen by the Downtown 20/20 Revitalization Coalition and the Reading Main Street Board of Directors managed by full-time professional staff within the City Community Development office which will assist the commercial revitalization program through broad organized community support, the financial and technical support of the City of Reading and by implementing strategic business retention and recruitment policies, marketing and promoting the district and leveraging private dollars through the reuse of existing buildings.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City will assume the provision of the full local share of project costs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City will reimburse the Commonwealth for the State's share of expenditures found by DCED to be ineligible.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Clerk of the City is directed to execute a certificate attesting to the adoption of this Resolution and to furnish a copy of this Resolution to DCED.

Duly Adopted this 8 day of June 2009.

CITY OF READING

By:

Vaughn D. Spencer, President of Council

Attest:

Linda A. Kelleher, City Clerk

I, LINDA A. KELLEHER, City Clerk of the City of Reading, Pa., do hereby certify, that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the original Resolution passed by the Council of the City of Reading, on the 8 day of June A. D. 20 09. Witness my hand and seal of the said City this 8 day of June A. D. 20 09.

Linda A. Kelleher
CITY CLERK